

The Greens Seem a Little Rough This Season



Reds' Appeal to Youth

By Dr. GEORGE S. BENSON

News from Moscow often reveals fresh evidence of Comparty's appeal to enough young people to provide sufficient leadership to insure the future of their system.

(The security of any system is in its youth; this is true even of America.)

An example of this news was a recent New York Times News Service dispatch to the effect that Sergei Pavlov had urged the Congress of Komsomol (Young Communist League) which he heads to step up athletic propaganda in the struggle for young minds. Russian guarantees of religious freedom, he insisted, do not apply to children but only to adults "who can answer for

their actions."

THE SAME CONCERN for children is being shown wherever Communism hopes to make gains in the struggle for world dominion.

(This also is true even in America.) According to Herbert Romerstein in his book, *Communism and Your Child*, Pavlov is a vice president of World Federation of Democratic Youth. This organization has an Italian president and a French general secretary, and according to Romerstein "a vice president's position is also being saved for an American young Communist," whose name when he is appointed will probably be kept secret.

Herbert Romerstein keeps up with these Communist youth activities. As a lad of 15 in Brooklyn, N.Y., interested in politics, he joined the Communist Party and was put into youth activities.

Now 30 years old and having long since broken with the party, he spends much of his time following the intricate mazes of front activity where youth are enlisted for Red dirty work. His erstwhile friends in the party look upon him as an informer, possibly because he has assisted the F.B.I. and testified before investigating committees of Congress.

Mr. Romerstein has written his book to show how the Communist world conspiracy has been exploiting and manipulating young people to further its interests.

Establishing this as an important current goal of the Communists, he quotes the American Communist official, Gus Hall, who reported to American Communists the results of the big Moscow conventions of November 1960 and January 1961.

HALL TOLD US, comrades that Moscow policy now requires a new "grassroots movement for peace and disarmament" involving literally millions of Americans, including youth and even children. Hall pointed to an increased Communist activity in the colleges and then ordered "higher priority for working with youth in all fields of endeavor."

One is amazed to find in Romerstein's account how much already has been done. If the Communists are allowed to proceed under these new directives, there is going to be plenty of mischief afoot.

Interesting also are Romerstein's descriptions of his experience with American Youth for Democracy, a vehicle for carrying the "line" to young people. In fact, it was in AYD that he served his apprenticeship before being admitted to the Communist Party. He was then assigned for America, as it supported Henry Wallace for president. After a couple of years he was kicked out of the party for "asking too many questions."

ROMERSTEIN'S book spotlights the youth front. "Advance," set up in 1960 in New York City for "peace" activity. This organization apparently had some success in drawing from both Young Republicans and Young Democrats of New York. As time went on, it capitalized on anti-HUAC activity arising from the San Francisco incident, on "sit-ins" and "freedom riders," on peace marches and disarmament demonstrations, and on pro-Castro sentiment. Romerstein wants Americans to stop these front activities wherever they are found.

He has attended some of the European youth festivals as an anti-Communist, despite Communist attempts to bar him as an unfriendly delegate and to control everything else to their advantage.

Red indoctrination of children in summer camps and in public schools, as revealed by Romerstein, suggests that parents cannot be too careful in following the influences upon their children.

Communists have tried every avenue in the past, and they will step up their efforts again under their new and higher priorities if we let them.

Pioneer's Paradise

By HARRIET STIX

NEW YORK — For a European, New York is a pioneer's paradise. It is one of the few cities left in the world where he can rough it.

Where else, for example, will he find stores whose proprietors are, presumably, so disinterested in money that they not only don't bother to learn his language but couldn't care less about finding some one who does?

Americans are used to almost too much loving care in Europe. Here visitors are on their own from the moment they leave the customs shed.

Still, our government has lately begun to recognize that tourism is good business. The word is being spread across the globe that after all America is a nice place to visit.

THIS IN ITSELF is quite a new idea for us. Mrs. Anita Daniel points out that until very recently we have assumed that anyone arriving from Europe must be an immigrant. The newcomer who said he was just here for a holiday was greeted with squeals of disbelief. Who could possibly want to go home again to France or England or Italy after he'd seen New York?

Mrs. Daniel is presently involved in writing a guide-book to the United States, to be published this autumn in several languages, in Europe. This will undoubtedly make life a lot easier for visiting foreigners and clear up a lot of their misconceptions before they get here.

Mrs. Daniel is the author of a book on New York which, in three languages, was a best seller on the Continent. It manages to be both amusing and accurate, which is quite a feat for a guide-book.

MRS. DANIEL is herself a European who saw America and stayed. Born in Romania, she was raised in Paris and lived for quite a while in Geneva. In Europe she worked as a journalist. She was lucky enough to have a brother who was also head of a picture agency. He gave her her first assignment, a trip round Europe visiting all the kings and queens.

Her job: To "distract the king while the photographer took 'special' pictures." It was, she says "a beautiful assignment." After that, of course, no doors were closed to her—having started at the top, obviously she could get in anywhere.

Here she is the correspondent for several Swiss newspapers. Mrs. Daniel has written guides to Europe and a biography of Albert

Schweitzer for children which prompted one 11-year-old to write that it was his favorite book, "and congratulations for a job well done."

LATELY MRS. DANIEL has been catching up on the parts of the country she didn't already know. She's just back from Williamsburg, which she wants to include because most Europeans have no idea that there's anything older than last year's automobile in this country. Before that she was in Alaska. ("I don't think so many Europeans will go there. But I always wanted to.")

Besides straight travel information, Mrs. Daniel intends to give her readers "little advices," to point out some of the unexpected aspects of our life. Thus:

That lovely lady in her even lovelier mink coat that you see strolling down Fifty Avenue may shortly be back in her kitchen doing the dishes.

That exalted executive will go home to cut the lawn and is quite capable of repairing the garage doors.

The college student works summers as a waiter.

NO ONE IS afraid of the police. The great simplicity even of high ranking persons.

Mrs. Daniel points out that in this country a woman can travel alone and not be bothered, though "some of them may be sorry about this." There are almost no beggars—just committee ladies asking for money.

Mrs. Daniel believes that the "niceness" of the man in the street, the simplicity and "cosiness" of life here, have not been recognized. "The films have done great harm," she believes. She wants to stress the positive things. "After all," she points out, "I am writing for people who are not going to be here forever."

So They Say

There can be little reasonable doubt that, ultimately, we will come into contact with races more intelligent than our own . . . It may be the most devastating event in the history of mankind. The rash assertion that "God made man in His own image" is ticking like a time bomb at the foundations of many faiths. — Writer Arthur C. Clarke.

Both sides will be decimated. Once a war like this starts, I believe that there will be few restraints.—Atomic scientist Ralph Lapp, on a U.S.-Russian war.

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